

# Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2025 - 2026 School Report



# Trion City Trion Elementary School

### **1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION**

#### 1.1 Identification of Team

The comprehensive needs assessment team consists of people who are responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. A required team member's name may be duplicated when multiple roles are performed by the same person. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the <u>Planning and Preparation webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

#### Leadership Team

|                 | Position/Role                                     | Name            |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Team Member # 1 | Principal   | Beth Pelham     |
| Team Member # 2 | Assistant Principal/Committee<br>Member           | Christian Brock |
| Team Member # 3 | Committee Member/Family<br>Engagement Coordinator | Heather Stewart |
| Team Member # 4 | Committee Member                                  | Christy Brown   |
| Team Member # 5 | Committee Member                                  | Llaneli Perez   |
| Team Member # 6 | Committee Member                                  | Jori Day        |
| Team Member # 7 | Committee Member                                  | Haley Smith     |

Additional Leadership Team

|                  | Position/Role    | Name             |
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| Team Member # 1  | Committee Member | Kayla Willingham |
| Team Member # 2  | Committee Member | Amy Stivers      |
| Team Member # 3  | Committee Member | Kirsten Brown    |
| Team Member # 4  | Committee Member | Tristan Hughes   |
| Team Member # 5  | Committee Member | Trish Wofford    |
| Team Member # 6  | Committee Member | Carolina Wright  |
| Team Member # 7  | Committee Member | Jessica Aycock   |
| Team Member # 8  | Committee Member | Cheryl Lanham    |
| Team Member # 9  | Committee Member | Kristi Whitaker  |
| Team Member # 10 | Committee Member | Tina Lee         |

## 1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

#### 1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspective who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Required stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet the requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the <u>Planning and Preparation webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

#### Stakeholders

|                 | Position/Role             | Name               |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Stakeholder # 1 | Parent                    | Megan Mills        |
| Stakeholder # 2 | Parent                    | Jennifer Patterson |
| Stakeholder # 3 | Local Business            | LeAnna Millican    |
| Stakeholder # 4 | Board Member              | Randy Henderson    |
| Stakeholder # 5 | Chattooga County Literacy | Rose Kohler        |
| Stakeholder # 6 | Board Member              | Laura Chesley      |
| Stakeholder # 7 | Community Member          | Heather Staton     |
| Stakeholder # 8 | Community Member          | Emily Broome       |

| How will the team ensure that<br>stakeholders, and in particular parents<br>and/or guardians, were able to provide<br>meaningful input into the needs<br>assessment process? | Stakeholders will provide feedback through surveys, Title One Meetings, and Family Engagement Meetings. |
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## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

#### 2.1 Coherent Instructional System

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of instructional needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the <u>Coherent Instructional System webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

|                | 1 -Uses systematic, collaborative planning processes so that teachers share an ectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | A systematic, collaborative process is used proactively for curriculum planning.   | ~ |
|                | Nearly all teachers or groups of teachers, support staff, and leaders within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.   |   |
| 2. Operational | A systematic, collaborative process is used regularly for curriculum planning.<br>Most teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common<br>expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.    |   |
| 3. Emerging    | A collaborative process is used occasionally for curriculum planning.<br>Some teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.                |   |
| 4. Not Evident | A collaborative process is rarely, if ever, used for curriculum planning.<br>Few, if any, teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common<br>expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction. |   |

| Curriculum Standard 2 required standards | 2 -Designs curriculum documents and aligns resources with the intended rigor of  | the |
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| 1. Exemplary                             | Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks,<br>curriculum maps, scope, and sequence documents, guides) that are aligned<br>with the intended rigor of the required standards are the products of a<br>systematic, collaborative process.<br>These curriculum documents and resources are used and continuously<br>revised by teachers and support staff to ensure an alignment with the | V   |
| 2. Operational                           | <ul> <li>intended, taught, and tested standards.</li> <li>Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope and sequence documents, guides) have been designed, and resources are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards.</li> <li>These curriculum documents and resources guide the work of teachers and instructional support staff.</li> </ul>  |     |
| 3. Emerging                              | Curriculum documents and resources exist, but they are not complete in all content areas or grade levels or lack the intended rigor of the required standards.   |     |
| 4. Not Evident                           | Few, if any, curriculum documents and resources exist to support the implementation of the intended rigor of the required standards.   |     |

| Instruction Standard 1 | -Provides a supportive and well -managed environment conducive to learning                             |   |
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| 1. Exemplary           | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school.      | √ |
|                        | Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.                      |   |
| 2. Operational         | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.         |   |
| 3. Emerging            | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.         |   |
| 4. Not Evident         | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. |   |

| Instruction Standard 2 | -Creates an academically challenging learning environment  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary           | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment<br>(e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement,<br>relevance, collaboration).<br>Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world<br>problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and<br>creative thinking. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational         | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).  |   |
| 3. Emerging            | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident         | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.   |   |

| Instruction Standard 3 curriculum standards | -Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria align   | ned to |
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| 1. Exemplary                                | Nearly all teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. Articulation of the learning targets is consistent and pervasive among like content areas and grade levels. | V      |
| 2. Operational                              | Most teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.<br>Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work.  |        |
| 3. Emerging                                 | Some teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.   |        |
| 4. Not Evident                              | Few, if any teachers establish clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.  |        |

| Instruction Standard 4 -Uses research based instructional practices that positively impact student learning |   |              |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Nearly all teachers pervasively demonstrate a repertoire of highly effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching). | $\checkmark$ |
| 2. Operational  | Most teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based<br>instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing<br>feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques,<br>similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers,<br>graphic representations, reciprocal teaching).              |              |
| 3. Emerging   | Some teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.  |              |
| 4. Not Evident  | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.  |              |

| Instruction Standard 5 | -Differentiates instruction to meet specific learning needs of students  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary           | Nearly all teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students. | √ |
|                        | Nearly all teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation,<br>engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students<br>(UDL).  |   |
|                        | Remediation, enrichment, and acceleration are pervasive practices.   |   |
| 2. Operational         | Most teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.       |   |
|                        | Most teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation,<br>engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students<br>(UDL).  |   |
| 3. Emerging            | Some teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident         | Few, if any, teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.   |   |

| Instruction Standard 6 -Uses appropriate, current technology to enhance learning |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | The use by staff members and students of appropriate, current technology to<br>enhance learning is an institutional practice (e.g., facilitate communication,<br>collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving). |   |
| 2. Operational   | Most staff members and students use appropriate, current technology to<br>enhance learning (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research,<br>design, creativity, problem-solving).                                   | √ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some staff members, students, or both use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.  |   |

| Instruction Standard 7 - Provides feedback to students on their performance on the standards or learning ta |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Nearly all teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance.<br>Nearly all teachers systematically elicit diagnostic information from individual | V |
|   | students regarding their understanding of the standards or learning targets.  |   |
| 2. Operational  | Most teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance.   |   |
| 3. Emerging   | Some teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, descriptive feedback on their performance.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Few, if any, teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with feedback on their performance, or the feedback that is provided is not specific, timely, or understandable.                                    |   |

| Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor t progress |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.<br>Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. |   |
| 2. Operational   | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.  | √ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.   |   |

| Instruction Standard 9 - Provides timely, systematic, data - driven interventions |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Nearly all students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs.<br>Interventions are designed to meet the needs of each student.<br>The effectiveness of those interventions is consistently monitored and |   |
|   | adjustments are made.  |   |
| 2. Operational  | Most students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs.  | ~ |
| 3. Emerging   | Some students are provided extra assistance or needed support in a timely manner.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Few, if any, students are provided extra assistance or effective support in a timely manner.   |   |

| Assessment Standard 1 -Aligns assessments with the required curriculum standards |  |              |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Nearly all assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.   |              |
|  | Assessments are reviewed during the school year to ensure alignment.         |              |
| 2. Operational   | Most assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.         | $\checkmark$ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.         |              |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. |              |

| Assessment Standard 3 -Uses common assessments aligned with the required standards to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Teachers consistently use common assessments aligned with the required standards in nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both for diagnostic, summative, and formative purposes.                                      | √ |
|   | The data from the common assessments are analyzed down to the item level,<br>and the results are used to inform instruction and improve teacher practices.  |   |
| 2. Operational  | Teachers use common assessments aligned with the required standards in most content areas to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices.   |   |
| 3. Emerging   | Teachers use some common assessments aligned with the required<br>standards in a few content areas with a limited amount of data analysis to<br>monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices. |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Teachers use few, if any, common assessments to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices.   |   |

| Assessment Standard 4 -Implements a process to collaboratively analyze assessment results to adjust in |  |              |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Teachers extensively use a systematic, collaborative process to analyze assessment results.<br>Instruction is consistently adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results across all content areas, grade levels, or both. |              |
| 2. Operational   | Teachers regularly use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results.<br>Instruction is routinely adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.  | $\checkmark$ |
| 3. Emerging  | Teachers occasionally use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results.<br>Instruction is sometimes adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.   |              |
| 4. Not Evident   | A collaborative process to analyze assessment results does not exist.<br>Instruction is rarely, if ever, adjusted based on the analysis of assessment<br>results.  |              |

| Assessment Standard 5 -Implements grading practices that provide an accurate indication of student progress of the required standards |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The grading practices used by teachers across nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both, consistently provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. |   |
| 2. Operational  | The grading practices used by teachers in most content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.                         | ~ |
| 3. Emerging   | The grading practices used by teachers in some content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.                         |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The grading practices used by teachers rarely, if ever, provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.   |   |

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

## 2.2 Effective Leadership

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of leadership needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the <u>Effective Leadership webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

| Leadership Standard 1 | -Builds and sustains relationships to foster the success of students and staff  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary          | Administrators consistently build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff.  | V |
|                       | The school staff is fully engaged in relationship building through collaboration, internal and external communication, and building trust with staff, students, families, and community stakeholders. |   |
| 2. Operational        | Administrators regularly build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff.   |   |
| 3. Emerging           | Administrators sometimes build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident        | Administrators seldom, if ever, build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.  |   |

| Leadership Standard 2 | lnitiates and manages change to improve staff performance and student learn   | ing |
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| 1. Exemplary          | Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders initiate<br>and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. | √   |
|                       | Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders create a sense of urgency for change and effectively communicate a common vision. |     |
| 2. Operational        | Administrators and the school leadership team initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning.                            |     |
|                       | The principal provides an appropriate balance of pressure and support to manage the change process for desired results.                                 |     |
| 3. Emerging           | Administrators initiate change to improve staff performance and student learning but do not sustain the change, remove barriers, or both.               |     |
| 4. Not Evident        | Administrators initiate few, if any, changes that impact staff performance and student learning.  |     |

| Leadership Standard 3 -Uses systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional learning practices |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The principal and other school leaders continually use systems to ensure<br>effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and<br>professional learning practices.<br>The principal and other school leaders have a comprehensive knowledge and<br>understanding of the best practices for curriculum, assessment, instruction,<br>and professional learning. | V |
| 2. Operational  | The principal and other school leaders often use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.  |   |
| 3. Emerging   | The principal and other school leaders occasionally use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The principal and other school leaders rarely, if ever, use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.   |   |

| Leadership Standard 4 -Uses processes to systematically analyze data to improve student achievement |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Extensive, comprehensive processes, including root cause analysis, are used consistently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement. | V |
| 2. Operational  | Numerous processes are used frequently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement.   |   |
| 3. Emerging   | Some processes are in place and used occasionally to analyze data to improve student achievement.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Few, if any, processes are in place to analyze data to improve student achievement.  |   |

| Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. | √ |
|  | Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.  |   |
| 2. Operational   | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.  |   |
| 3. Emerging  | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.  |   |

| Leadership Standard (<br>learning | 6 -Establishes and supports a data-driven school leadership team that is focused  | l on student |
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| 1. Exemplary                      | A highly effective, proactive, and data-driven school leadership team is focused on student learning.   | $\checkmark$ |
|                                   | The leadership team addresses nearly all areas of student and staff learning<br>and school leadership, including the development, implementation, and<br>regular monitoring of the school improvement plan. |              |
| 2. Operational                    | A data-driven school leadership team is established with stakeholder representation (e.g., core and non-core teachers, certified support staff) and is focused on student learning.                         |              |
|                                   | The school leadership team meets regularly and uses norms and protocols to work effectively and efficiently.  |              |
| 3. Emerging                       | The school leadership team is established and has some stakeholder representation but is focused chiefly on school operations rather than student learning.   |              |
| 4. Not Evident                    | A school leadership team does not exist or does not have adequate stakeholder representation.   |              |

| Leadership Standard | 7 -Monitors and evaluates the performance of teachers and other staff using mul-   | tiple data |
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| sources             |  |            |
| 1. Exemplary        | Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff through observations,<br>surveys, data, and documentation is consistent and comprehensive, resulting<br>in highly accurate performance evaluations. |            |
|                     | A comprehensive system is in place to provide teachers and staff with ongoing, accurate, timely, detailed, descriptive feedback related to their performance.  |            |
|                     | Administrators use the evaluation process to identify role models, teacher leaders, or both.   |            |
| 2. Operational      | Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff regularly occurs using data or documentation, generally resulting in accurate performance evaluations.  | ~          |
|                     | Teachers and staff receive accurate, timely, descriptive feedback related to their performance.  |            |
| 3. Emerging         | Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff is inconsistent,<br>incomplete, or lacks data or documentation, sometimes resulting in inaccurate<br>performance evaluations.                       |            |
|                     | Teachers and staff receive some descriptive feedback related to their performance.   |            |
| 4. Not Evident      | Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff rarely occurs or often results in inaccurate performance evaluations.   |            |
|                     | Teachers and staff receive little or no descriptive feedback related to their performance.   |            |

| Leadership Standard 8 - Provides ongoing support to teachers and other staff |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | A comprehensive support system that is timely and targeted to individual needs is provided to teachers and other staff. | ~ |
| 2. Operational   | Most support provided to teachers and other staff is targeted to individual needs.                                      |   |
| 3. Emerging  | Some support provided to teachers and staff is targeted to individual needs.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Support to teachers and staff does not exist or is not targeted to individual needs.                                    |   |

| Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.  | ~ |
|  | The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.   |   |
|  | The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.  |   |
| 2. Operational   | A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.  |   |
|  | The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.   |   |
| 3. Emerging  | A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members<br>but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous<br>improvement process. |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.   |   |

|                | Planning and Organization Standard 2 -Uses a data-driven and consensus-oriented process to develop and implement a school improvement plan that is focused on student performance   |   |  |
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| 1. Exemplary   | A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from nearly all stakeholders.<br>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a strong focus on increasing student performance. | V |  |
|                | This process and plan consistently guide the work of the school staff.  |   |  |
| 2. Operational | A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from most plan stakeholders.<br>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a focus on increasing student performance.         |   |  |
| 3. Emerging    | A school improvement plan has been developed with input from some<br>stakeholders.<br>The school improvement plan is based on incomplete data analysis with<br>limited focus on student performance.  |   |  |
| 4. Not Evident | An up-to-date, data-driven school improvement plan focused on student performance is not in place.  |   |  |

| Planning and Organization Standard 3 -Monitors implementation of the school improvement plan and make adjustments as needed |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are continually<br>monitored by administrators, the school leadership team, and teacher leaders<br>to evaluate the impact on student performance.<br>Ongoing adjustments are made based on various performance, process, and                                      | 1 |
| 2. Operational  | <ul> <li>perception data.</li> <li>he goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are regularly<br/>monitored by administrators and the school leadership team to evaluate the<br/>impact on student performance.</li> <li>Adjustments are made to the plan, as needed, based on the analysis of data.</li> </ul> |   |
| 3. Emerging   | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are occasionally monitored by administrators.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are rarely, if ever, monitored.   |   |

| Planning and Organization Standard 4 -Monitors the use of available resources to support continuous improvement |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment,<br>materials) to support continuous improvement is consistently monitored.<br>School schedules and processes are designed to make effective use of<br>personnel, time, materials, and equipment. | 1 |
| 2. Operational  | The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is frequently monitored.  |   |
| 3. Emerging   | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is inconsistently monitored.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is rarely, if ever, monitored.  |   |

|                | zation Standard 5 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, policies, sche<br>nize student learning and staff effectiveness  | edules, and |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed with stakeholder<br>input, effectively communicated, and consistently implemented throughout the<br>school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.<br>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are consistently reviewed<br>and revised as needed. | ~           |
| 2. Operational | <ul> <li>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed, communicated, and implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</li> <li>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are periodically reviewed and systematically revised as needed.</li> </ul>                 |             |
| 3. Emerging    | Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed but are not effectively communicated or are implemented inconsistently across the school.  |             |
| 4. Not Evident | <ul> <li>Rules, policies, or procedures are not developed, are poorly communicated, or are ineffectively implemented.</li> <li>In some cases, rules, policies, schedules, or procedures are out of date or have become barriers to student learning or staff effectiveness.</li> </ul>  |             |

|                | Planning and Organization Standard 6 -Uses protocols to maintain the school campus and equipment providing safe, clean, and inviting learning environment  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | <ul> <li>Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used extensively to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment.</li> <li>A proactive maintenance process is in place, and repairs are completed in a satisfactory and timely manner, when needed.</li> </ul> | V |
| 2. Operational | Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current<br>crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use<br>protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used to maintain the school<br>campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning<br>environment.<br>The school and campus are clean, well-maintained, inviting, and safe.  |   |
| 3. Emerging    | Protocols are sometimes used to maintain the school campus and equipment.<br>The school and campus are partially clean, maintained, and inviting, but some safety issues exist.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident | <ul> <li>Protocols do not exist or are rarely, if ever, used to maintain the school campus and equipment.</li> <li>The school and campus are not clean, maintained, or inviting, and safety issues exist.</li> </ul>   |   |

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

#### 2.3 Professional Capacity

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of professional capacity needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the <u>Professional Capacity webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

| Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving |   | ng |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.<br>Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input. |    |
| 2. Operational   |   | 1  |
| 2. Operational   | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.   | V  |
| 3. Emerging  | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.  |    |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.   |    |

| Professional Learning Standard 1 -Aligns professional learning with needs identified through analysis or of data |   | of a variety |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Professional learning needs are identified and differentiated through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families).<br>Ongoing support is provided through differentiated professional learning. |              |
| 2. Operational   | Professional learning needs are identified through a collaborative analysis<br>process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination<br>of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action<br>research data, perception data from students, staff, and families).  | V            |
| 3. Emerging  | Professional learning needs are identified using limited sources of data.   |              |
| 4. Not Evident   | Professional learning needs are identified using little or no data.   |              |

| Professional Learning Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of collaboration among administrators and sta enhance individual and collective performance |  | ff to |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Administrators and staff, as a foundational practice, consistently collaborate to<br>support leadership and personal accountability and to enhance individual and<br>collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine<br>practice, provide feedback).<br>Teachers conduct action research and assume ownership of professional<br>learning processes. |       |
| 2. Operational  | Administrators and staff routinely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback).  | √     |
| 3. Emerging   | Administrators and staff sometimes collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.   |       |
| 4. Not Evident  | Administrators and staff rarely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.  |       |

| Professional Learning Standard 3 -Defines expectations for implementing professional learning |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both consistently define expectations for<br>the implementation of professional learning, including details regarding the<br>stages of implementation and how monitoring will occur as implementation<br>progresses. | V |
| 2. Operational  | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both regularly define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.  |   |
| 3. Emerging   | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both occasionally define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both rarely, if ever, define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.   |   |

| Professional Learning Standard 4 -Uses multiple professional learning designs to support the various learning needs of the staff |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | <ul> <li>Staff members actively participate in job-embedded professional learning that engages collaborative teams in a variety of appropriate learning designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks).</li> <li>Professional learning includes extensive follow-up with descriptive feedback and coaching.</li> </ul> |   |
| 2. Operational   | Staff members actively participate in professional learning, most of which is<br>job-embedded, which includes multiple designs (e.g., collaborative lesson<br>study, analysis of student work, problem-solving sessions, curriculum<br>development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online<br>networks) to support their various learning needs.<br>Professional learning includes follow-up with feedback and coaching.                        | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some staff members are engaged in professional learning that makes use of more than one learning design to address their identified needs.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Staff members receive single, stand-alone professional learning events that are informational and mostly large-group presentation designs.   |   |

| Professional Learning Standard 5 -Allocates resources and establishes systems to support and sustain effective professional learning |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Extensive resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are allocated to support and sustain effective professional learning.<br>Opportunities to practice skills, receive follow-up, feedback, and coaching are provided to support the effectiveness of professional learning. |   |
| 2. Operational   | Adequate resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are in place to support and sustain professional learning.  | √ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some resources and systems are allocated to support and sustain professional learning.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, resources and systems are provided to support and sustain professional learning.   |   |

| Professional Learning Standard 6 -Monitors and evaluates the impact of professional learning on staff and student learning |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and increases in student learning occurs extensively. | √ |
|  | Evaluation results are used to identify and implement processes to extend student learning.  |   |
| 2. Operational   | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning occurs routinely.                |   |
| 3. Emerging  | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs sporadically.                                  |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs rarely, if ever.                               |   |

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#### 2.4 Family and Community Engagement

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to family and community engagement. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the <u>Family and Community</u> <u>Engagement webinar</u> for additional information and guidance. Visit Georgia's Family Connection Partnership's <u>KIDS COUNT</u> for additional data.

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 1 -Creates an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The school has a well-established, inviting learning environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.                               | √ |
|   | Numerous opportunities are given to family members to become actively<br>engaged in school-related events and improvement efforts as participants,<br>event managers, and workers. |   |
| 2. Operational  | The school has created an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.  |   |
| 3. Emerging   | The school has made some progress toward creating an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.                               |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The school has not created an environment that welcomes, encourages, or connects family and community members to the school.   |   |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 2 -Establishes structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | Extensive structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. Structures are continuously monitored for reliable and interactive |   |
|  | communication.   |   |
| 2. Operational   | Most structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented.   |   |
| 3. Emerging  | Some structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.   | √ |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.   |   |

|                | Family and Community Engagement Standard 3 -Establishes relationships and decision-making processes that build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students  |   |  |
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| 1. Exemplary   | A wide variety of relationships and collaborative decision-making processes<br>(e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations,<br>academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring<br>services, post-secondary partnerships) are pervasive in promoting student<br>success and well being.<br>Expectations for family and community engagement are embedded in the<br>culture and result in stakeholders being actively involved in decision-making. | ~ |  |
| 2. Operational | Numerous relationships and decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services) effectively build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students.   |   |  |
| 3. Emerging    | Limited relationships and decision-making processes have been initiated by the school to build capacity for family and community engagement.  |   |  |
| 4. Not Evident | Relationships and decision-making processes for families and the community are non-existent, or those that do exist contribute minimally to student success.  |   |  |

|                | Family and Community Engagement Standard 4 -Communicates academic expectations and current student achievement status to families  |   |  |
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| 1. Exemplary   | The school staff provides families with ongoing, detailed academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols).   |   |  |
|                | Extensive communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, student-led parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system). |   |  |
| 2. Operational | The school staff communicates academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols) throughout the year.   | V |  |
|                | Regular communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).               |   |  |
| 3. Emerging    | The school staff communicates some academic expectations at the start of the year.   |   |  |
|                | Some communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.  |   |  |
| 4. Not Evident | The school staff does little to inform families of academic expectations.  |   |  |
|                | Little, if any, communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.   |   |  |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 5 -Develops the capacity of families to use support strate home that will enhance academic achievement |  |   |
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| 1. Exemplary  | The school continually develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. |   |
| 2. Operational  | The school frequently develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.  | ~ |
| 3. Emerging   | The school occasionally develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The school seldom, if ever, develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.  |   |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 6 -Connects families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students |  |              |
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| 1. Exemplary   | The school has a systematic process in place to connect families with an array of agencies and resources (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students. |              |
| 2. Operational   | The school regularly connects families to agencies and resources in the community (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students.                        | $\checkmark$ |
| 3. Emerging  | The school sometimes connects families to agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.   |              |
| 4. Not Evident   | The school does little to connect families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.   |              |

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#### 2.5 Supportive Learning Environment

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to a supportive learning environment. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students). See the <u>Supportive Learning Environment webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

| Instruction Standard 1 | -Provides a supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning                              |   |
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| 1. Exemplary           | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school.      | √ |
|                        | Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.                      |   |
| 2. Operational         | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.         |   |
| 3. Emerging            | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.         |   |
| 4. Not Evident         | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. |   |

| Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Exemplary   | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment<br>(e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement,<br>relevance, collaboration).<br>Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world |   |
|  | problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking.  |   |
| 2. Operational   | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).  | √ |
| 3. Emerging  | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.   |   |

| Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their ow progress |   |              |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.<br>Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. |              |
| 2. Operational  | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.  |              |
| 3. Emerging   | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.   | $\checkmark$ |
| 4. Not Evident  | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.   |              |

| School Culture Standard 1 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, practices, and procedures to maintain a safe, orderly learning environment |  |              |
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| 1. Exemplary  | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning<br>environment are proactively developed, communicated, and consistently<br>implemented across the school.<br>These rules, practices, and procedures are continually monitored and revised<br>as needed. |              |
| 2. Operational  | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are developed, communicated, and implemented.  | $\checkmark$ |
| 3. Emerging   | Rules, practices, and procedures are developed and communicated but are ineffective or inconsistently implemented across the school.   |              |
| 4. Not Evident  | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly, learning environment are not developed nor updated or are poorly communicated.   |              |

| School Culture Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community |   |   |
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| 1. Exemplary   | <ul> <li>Extensive evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</li> <li>A pervasive commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of</li> </ul> | V |
| 2. Operational   | <ul><li>community is evident.</li><li>Evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity,</li></ul>  |   |
|  | tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.  |   |
|  | A sustained commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.  |   |
| 3. Emerging  | Some evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.  |   |
|  | A limited commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident   | Little or no evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.  |   |
|  | Unresolved conflicts interfere with a sense of community.   |   |

| School Culture Standard 3 -Establishes a culture that supports the college and career readiness of students |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Exemplary  | Extensive evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students. |   |
|   | The school culture supports addressing individual achievement needs and strengths to prepare students for success.   |   |
| 2. Operational  | Evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.           | ~ |
| 3. Emerging   | Some evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.  |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | Little or no evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.  |   |

| School Culture Standard 4 -Supports the personal growth and development of students |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Exemplary  | The school staff consistently provides a comprehensive system of support<br>(e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time<br>management, problem solving) to maximize the personal growth and<br>development of nearly all students. |   |
| 2. Operational  | The school staff regularly provides support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to enhance the personal growth and development of students.   | √ |
| 3. Emerging   | The school staff sporadically supports the personal growth and development of students.   |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | The school staff does little to support the personal growth and development of students.  |   |

| School Culture Standard 5 -Recognizes and celebrates achievements and accomplishments of students and stat |  |  |
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| 1. Exemplary   | The school community consistently recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.  |  |
|  | The celebrations are publicized within the school and to the community and support the culture of the school.            |  |
| 2. Operational   | The school community regularly recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.     |  |
| 3. Emerging  | The school community periodically recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students and/or staff. |  |
| 4. Not Evident   | The school community rarely, if ever, recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students or staff. |  |

| Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture an guide the continuous improvement process |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Exemplary  | A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.  |   |
|   | The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.   |   |
|   | The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.  |   |
| 2. Operational  | A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.  | √ |
|   | The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.   |   |
| 3. Emerging   | A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members<br>but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous<br>improvement process. |   |
| 4. Not Evident  | A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.   |   |

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### 2.6 Data Analysis Questions

Analyze the LEA's data and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of demographic and financial needs. Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students).

| What perception data did you use?          | TES School Improvement CNA       |
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| [examples: student perceptions about       | Student Health Surveys           |
| school climate issues (health survey,      | School Leadership Team Feedback  |
| violence, prejudice, bullying, etc.);      | Title 1 Stakeholder Meetings     |
| student/parent perceptions about the       | Federal Program Needs Assessment |
| effectiveness of programs or               | Family Engagement Survey         |
| interventions; student understanding of    |                                  |
| relationship of school to career or has an |                                  |
| academic plan]                             |                                  |

| What does the perception data tell you?<br>(perception data can describe people's<br>knowledge, attitudes, beliefs,                     | The perception data tells us:<br>IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS<br>TCS Stakeholder Data:  |
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| perceptions, competencies; perception<br>data can also answer the question "What<br>do people think they know, believe, or<br>can do?") | •Family and Community Engagement -100% of respondents indicated<br>that structures promoting clear and open communication between<br>schools and stakeholders have been effectively established.<br>This shows exceptional success in building strong relationships with<br>families and the community, with no respondents indicating any issues<br>with clarity or timeliness in communication. |
|   | •Governance -82.4% of teachers reported that the district uses a systematic and collaborative process for aligning policies, procedures, and practices with laws and regulations.<br>This suggests the district has a well-developed governance structure that supports compliance and consistency.   |
|   | Parent Involvement Data:<br>•Welcoming School Environment- 84.6% of parent responses indicated<br>that our school offers a clean and safe environment.  |
|   | <ul> <li>School/Family Communication -96.2% Parents are provided with<br/>regular reports regarding their child's educational progress.</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>School/Family Communication - 96.2% Parents are provided with<br/>assistance in understanding standardized tests and classroom<br/>benchmark assessments.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Parents as Decision Makers- 92.3% Parents are included in making<br/>decisions related to the education of their children.</li> </ul>  |
|   | IDENTIFIED AREAS OF CONCERN   |

| <ul> <li>TCS. Stakeholder Data:</li> <li>Allocation and Management of Resources -ul</li> <li>31.1% of staff members believe the budget process, although defined, needs improvement in collaboration and equity across departments.</li> <li>Continued work is needed to ensure all voices are heard and funding decisions are effectively aligned with student needs.</li> </ul> |
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| Parent Involvement Data:<br>• Student Achievement -72.1% of parent responses indicated that the district and my school make sure that all students have the help and support they need to be successful in school. 4% of parents who responded disagreed with this statement.   |

| What process data did you use?  | Student Health Survey   |
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| (examples: student participation in school activities, sports, clubs, arts; student | <ul> <li>STEAM projects and participation</li> <li>School Counselor Reports</li> </ul>                                      |
| participation in special programs such as   | Title 1 Stakeholder Meetings  |
| peer mediation, counseling, skills  | <ul> <li>Federal Program Needs Assessment</li> </ul>  |
| conferences; parent/student participation   | <ul> <li>Data Dig Parent Survey</li> </ul>  |
| in events such as college information   |   |
| meetings and parent workshops)  | I met with our leadership team and discussed the Data Collection  |
|   | Analysis for our Instructional System, Effective Leadership,<br>Professional Capacity, Family and Community Engagement, and |
|   | Supportive Learning Environment. Teachers from our leadership team  |
|   | provided feedback on each section. A SIP CNA survey was then sent   |
|   | out to our entire staff in a a Google form.   |
|   | Our family engagement coordinator, Mrs. Heather Stewart, shared the   |
|   | results of the family engagement survey with our staff, as well as with   |
|   | our stakeholders at our annual TES Stakeholder Meeting.   |
|   | Student surveys are conducted by our STEAM Lab teacher.   |
|   | School Counselor visits are tracked and documented in a spreadsheet   |
|   | throughout the school year by our counselor, Mrs. Brown.  |
|   | Behavior data is discussed monthly by our admin and leadership team.  |
|   | We define and implement strategies to target behavior patterns.   |

| What does the process data tell you?<br>(process data describes the way<br>programs are conducted; provides<br>evidence of participant involvement in | <ul> <li>IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS</li> <li>Our process data tells us that our school does an exemplary job of establishing and maintaining a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community.</li> </ul> |
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| programs; answers the question "What did you do for whom?")   | <ul> <li>TES had a 78% response rate for the Georgia Student Health<br/>Survey.</li> </ul>   |
|   | • 62% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey indicate that they enjoy learningalmost every day.  |
|   | • 74% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey responded that teachers check with students to make sure they know  |
|   | what to do in class almost every day and 80% responded that teachers show examples of what you do before you startalmost every day.  |
|   | <ul> <li>87% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey<br/>responded thatMost to Allof the adultsshow they care about students.</li> </ul>  |

| <ul> <li>92% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey responded that they feelvery safe to extremely safe in classrooms.</li> <li>93% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey responded that they know the right steps to follow in an emergency eithervery well or extremely well.</li> <li>72% of students completing the Georgia Student Health Survey responded that they areNeverbullied at school.</li> <li>Of 154 total student referrals (PK-5th) to our school counselor for the 2024-2025 school year, only 4.5% of those referrals were forbullying.</li> <li>Our students have meaningful and exciting learning opportunities though our STEAM classes.</li> <li>Student achievement and academic progress are consistently celebrated through PAWSitive Office Referrals, Bulldog High Fives, and Character Ed Pep Rallies.</li> <li>IDENTIFIED AREAS OF CONCERN</li> <li>Attendance- On the Georgia Student Health Survey, 67% of students indicated that they were absent due to doctor's appointments and 24% responded the absences were due to family vacations.</li> <li>As indicated by our staff CNA responses, our school needs to do a better job at establishing a learning environment that empowers students of actively monitor their own progress. (63% Exemplary, 27% Operational, 9% Emerging)</li> <li>Counseling- Of 154 total student referrals (PK-5th) to our school counselor for the 2024-2025 school year, 16% of those referrals were for students struggling withfriendships.</li> </ul> |
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| What achievement data did you use? | Achievement data sources include:<br>• Georgia Milestones Assessment<br>• MAP Assessment (3 times per year)<br>• CCRPI<br>• Attendance Reports<br>• GKIDS<br>• Phonics inventory<br>• Report card grades<br>• Classroom formative/summative assessments |
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|                                    | *See document in Additional Files   |

| What does your achievement data tell you? | Achievement Data Summary:<br>Our analysis of the 2025 Georgia Milestones ELA achievement data<br>reveals encouraging progress, with the percentage of students scoring<br>in the Developing or Above category increasing from 83.5% in 2024 to<br>90.4% in 2025. This growth reflects a positive trend in overall student<br>performance and a strong step forward in meeting our instructional<br>goals. However, a closer look at the data shows a slight decline in the<br>percentage of students scoring in the Proficient or Above category,<br>from 56.6% in 2024 to 53.2% in 2025. While we celebrate the |
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|   | significant gains in helping more students move out of the Beginning   |

| Learner level, we recognize that increasing the number of students<br>achieving proficiency and beyond remains a critical area for growth.<br>Our continued focus will be on deepening literacy instruction to ensure<br>all students build strong reading foundations and are challenged to<br>reach their highest potential as readers.<br>Attendance Data Summary:<br>An analysis of our attendance data over recent years highlights a<br>notable shift in student attendance patterns since the onset of the<br>COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the percentage of students with<br>perfect attendance has significantly declined, reaching a low of 3.5% in<br>the 2023–2024 school year compared to 11.4% in 2018–2019. This<br>sharp decrease emphasizes a continued challenge in reestablishing<br>consistent attendance habits post-pandemic.<br>On a more positive note, the percentage of students absent for more<br>than 10 days has shown steady improvement, decreasing from 39.7%<br>in 2020 to 28.6% in 2024. Despite this progress, we believe there is still<br>room for substantial improvement. With a more intentional and targeted<br>approach to promoting the importance of regular attendance, we aim to<br>further reduce chronic absenteism.<br>We recognize that consistent attendance is directly linked to student<br>achievement. Missed instructional time can hinder academic growth,<br>and therefore, attendance will remain a key focus area in our ongoing<br>efforts to support student success.<br>*See document in Additional Files |
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| What demographic data did you use? | We collected demographic data gleaned from NWGA RESA Data     |
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|                                    | Warehouse, CCRPI reports, and our student information system, |
|                                    | Powerschool.  |
|                                    | *See document in Additional Files                             |

| What does the demographic data tell | Demographic Data Summary  |
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| you?                                | An analysis of Georgia Milestones and CCRPI data from 2022 to 2025      |
|                                     | highlights both progress and ongoing areas of need, particularly in     |
|                                     |   |
|                                     | English Language Arts (ELA). While there have been encouraging          |
|                                     | improvements in overall student performance, the data reveals           |
|                                     | persistent achievement gaps among key subgroups that require            |
|                                     | focused attention.  |
|                                     |   |
|                                     | InELA, the percentage of students scoring at Level 1 (Beginning         |
|                                     | Learner) rose from13.73% in 2022 to 16.4% in 2024, before making a      |
|                                     | significant drop to 9.6% in 2025. This recent improvement is promising; |
|                                     | however, subgroup data continues to show disparities.English            |
|                                     |   |
|                                     | Language Learners (ELLs)consistently made up a notable portion of       |
|                                     | Level 1 students, with percentages fluctuating from 46.15% in           |
|                                     | 2022to32.14% in 2025. Similarly, students with disabilities             |
|                                     | (SWD)represented29.2% of Level 1 students in 2023, peaking at34.7%      |
|                                     |   |
|                                     | in 2024, then declining to23.08% in 2025. While these trends indicate   |
|                                     | progress, they also underscore the need for sustained support and       |
|                                     | targeted interventions, especially in reading and literacy development  |
|                                     | for ELL and SWD populations.  |
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| In contrast,Math performancehas shown steady improvement. The percentage of students scoring at Level 1 declined from9.15% in 2022 to just 2.79% in 2025. ELL students in this group decreased from41.02% in 2022 to 0% in 2025, and the SWD subgroup also saw a reduction from32.1% in 2023 to 15.38% in 2025, suggesting that math-specific supports and instructional strategies have been effective. Despite these gains,2024 CCRPI Closing the Gaps datarevealed a decline in subgroup performance in ELA. Multiple subgroups—unlike in 2023, where all except SWD exceeded target goals—fell below the state's Closing the Gaps targetsin 2024. This indicates a need to refocus on literacy achievement for all students, with an emphasis on subgroup performance and equity. In summary, while TES celebrates notable academic gains—particularly in math and the reduction of students scoring at Level 1—the data clearly identifiesELA achievement across all subgroups as an area for continued focus. Sustained efforts to support teachers in implementing the new ELA standards, provide differentiated |
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| instruction, and monitor subgroup progress will be critical to closing gaps and ensuring success for every student.   |
#### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Read the trends and patterns summaries from each section of the data analysis process. Use the information in these summaries to complete 3.2 and 3.3. Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.2. Watch the <u>Identifying Need</u> webinar for additional information and guidance.

| Coherent Instructional:Summarize the          | Coherent Instruction: Strengths and Challenges                              |
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| coherent instructional system trends and      | Strengths:  |
| patterns observed by the team while           | A consistent strength across grade levels at TES is the alignment of        |
| completing this section of the report.        | instruction with Georgia Department of Education standards. Teachers        |
| What are the important trends and             | utilize state-provided resources to ensure standards-based instruction      |
| patterns that will support the identification |   |
| of student, teacher, and leader needs?        | vocabulary development, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and     |
|   | intentional connections to prior knowledge—support academic growth          |
|   | across content areas.   |
|   | Instruction is strengthened by the use of formative assessment data to      |
|   | drive targeted small group instruction. Teachers regularly analyze MAP      |
|   | data results, along with formal and informal assessments, to tailor         |
|   | instruction and regroup students based on evolving learning needs.          |
|   | This data-driven approach promotes differentiation and supports             |
|   | individual student progress.  |
|   | TES promotes goal setting through "Data Digs" held in the fall, winter,     |
|   | and spring. Students set SMART goals in reading and math with input         |
|   | from teachers and families. Progress toward these goals is shared           |
|   | regularly through grade reports, data charts, and MAP reports. Parents      |
|   | also have real-time access to their child's academic performance via        |
|   | PowerSchool, enhancing transparency and engagement.                         |
|   | Technology integration supports instruction through web-based               |
|   | platforms such as Reading Eggs, Mathseeds, and eSpark, which                |
|   | provide personalized practice and track student progress.                   |
|   | In addition to academic instruction, TES maintains a positive school        |
|   | culture through Character Education Pep Rallies and a structured            |
|   | discipline framework. Students are recognized quarterly for                 |
|   | demonstrating positive character traits, while behavior concerns are        |
|   | addressed through a progressive discipline plan, with consistent            |
|   | documentation and communication among staff and families.                   |
|   | Challenges:   |
|   | While TES has many instructional strengths, key areas for growth have       |
|   | been identified for the 2025–2026 school year. One challenge is             |
|   | ensuring consistent use oflearning targets in daily instruction. Increasing |
|   | teacher accountability for clearly presenting and revisiting learning       |
|   | targets throughout the lesson will help students better understand the      |
|   | purpose of their learning and stay focused on key objectives.               |
|   | Additionally, while students are currently involved in goal setting, there  |
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|  | is a need to empower them further byactively monitoring their own<br>progress. Encouraging greater student ownership of learning will<br>enhance motivation and support the development of lifelong learning<br>skills.<br>Moving forward, TES will focus on strengthening instructional practices<br>by deepening the use of learning targets and increasing student agency<br>in tracking their academic progress. |
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| Effective Leadership:Summarize the       | Effective Leadership  |
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| effective leadership trends and patterns | At TES, effective leadership is demonstrated through a strong           |
| observed by the team while completing    | emphasis on clear communication, high professional expectations, and    |
| this section of the report. What are the | a commitment to shared decision-making. School administrators           |
| important trends and patterns that will  | prioritize maintaining consistent communication around professional     |
| support the identification of student,   | responsibilities, instructional goals, and school-wide expectations     |
| teacher, and leader needs?               | throughout the academic year. This is achieved through structured       |
|  | opportunities for collaboration and dialogue during faculty meetings,   |
|  | leadership team meetings, and Professional Learning Communities         |
|  | (PLCs). These platforms allow for the exchange of ideas, timely         |
|  | dissemination of information, and collective problem-solving to support |
|  | both staff and student success.   |
|  | Communication with families is also a clear strength. Parents receive   |
|  | timely and consistent updates through multiple channels, including      |
|  | "One Call" messages, social media, Class Dojo, school website           |
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|  | updates, and personal phone calls. Events such as Data Digs and         |
|  | parent-teacher conferences provide valuable opportunities for two-way   |
|  | communication and collaboration around student learning goals. This     |
|  | strong focus on family engagement ensures that parents are              |
|  | well-informed and actively involved in their child's academic journey.  |

| Professional Capacity:Summarize the<br>professional capacity trends and patterns<br>observed by the team while completing<br>this section of the report. What are the<br>important trends and patterns that will<br>support the identification of student,<br>teacher, and leader needs? | promoting instructional consistency and data-driven decision-making.<br>This past year, we have focused on increasing professional knowledge<br>of newly adopted ELA standards and ensuring that our instructional<br>practices and resources are aligned with the Science of Reading<br>across grade levels and are effective in meeting student needs.<br>Grade-level teams also collaborate regularly to monitor student<br>progress and prepare for Data Dig events, where families are engaged<br>in reviewing student goals and achievement data.<br>PLCs meet consistently throughout the school year to analyze MAP<br>data, identify students with learning gaps through the Multi-Tiered<br>System of Supports (MTSS) process, and plan responsive instruction |
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|  | System of Supports (MTSS) process, and plan responsive instruction<br>based on identified needs. This structured approach ensures that<br>instruction is both targeted and equitable.<br>Professional learning goals aligned with instructional best practices are   |
|  | embedded within the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES)   |

|  | platform. These goals are reviewed and discussed during mid-year and<br>summative conferences, fostering professional reflection and growth.<br>Focus Area for 2025–2026:<br>Based on staff feedback, there is a desire to diversify the formats of<br>professional learning to better support the varying needs and learning<br>preferences of educators. In the upcoming school year, TES will focus<br>on incorporating multiple professional learning designs, including<br>workshops, peer observations, and mentoring. |
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| Family and Community                          | TES is committed to fostering strong partnerships with families and the |
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| Engagement:Summarize the family and           | community through a variety of meaningful engagement opportunities.     |
| community engagement trends and               | One of our cornerstone initiatives is the Data Digevents, held three    |
| patterns observed by the team while           | times per year. During these sessions, teachers share up-to-date        |
| completing this section of the report.        | academic data in reading and math and provide families with hands-on    |
| What are the important trends and             | games and activities designed to support learning at home. These        |
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| patterns that will support the identification |   |
| of student, teacher, and leader needs?        | progress. Data Digs will continue as a key component of our family      |
|   | engagement strategy in the 2025–2026 school year.                       |
|   | In addition to Data Digs, TES hosts a wide range of events that         |
|   | promote family and community involvement, includingTES Orientation,     |
|   | Open House, Grandparents Night, Daddy-Daughter Dance,                   |
|   | Mother-Son Event, Field Day, the Pre-K Carnival, and various special    |
|   | grade-level celebrations. These events help build a strong sense of     |
|   | school community and provide families with multiple avenues to          |
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|   | engage in their child's educational experience.                         |
|   | Focus Area for 2025–2026:   |
|   | Looking ahead, TES aims to strengthen our family and community          |
|   | engagement efforts byestablishing stronger connections between          |
|   | families and local agencies and support services. By improving access   |
|   | to community resources, we can better meet the academic, social,        |
|   | emotional, and physical needs of our students and families.             |
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| Supportive Learning<br>Environment:Summarize the supportive<br>learning environment trends and patterns<br>observed by the team while completing<br>this section of the report. What are the<br>important trends and patterns that will<br>support the identification of student,<br>teacher, and leader needs? | Supportive Learning Environment:<br>At TES, we are dedicated to creating a positive, inclusive, and<br>supportive learning environment where all students feel valued and<br>encouraged to reach their full potential. Our school-wide behavior<br>framework,P.A.W.S. (Positive Attitude, Accept Responsibility, Work<br>Hard, Serve Others), serves as the foundation for promoting respect,<br>responsibility, and kindness throughout the school. Behavior<br>expectation matrices have been developed and clearly posted in all<br>classrooms and the cafeteria to ensure consistency and clarity.<br>Students are rewarded for positive behavior through the P.A.W.S. chart<br>system, earning special privileges and incentives for meeting or<br>exceeding expectations.<br>PAWSitive Office Referralsprovide another avenue for recognizing |
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|   | exceeding expectations.   |

| receive a small reward, and have their photo taken with an                 |
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| administrator. These moments are celebrated publicly through our           |
| school's Facebook page, reinforcing the importance of respectful and       |
| responsible behavior.  |
| OurCharacter Education Pep Ralliesfurther promote a supportive             |
| school culture. Each month, the school counselor introduces a new          |
| character trait through books, videos, lessons, and visual materials.      |
| Teachers nominate one student per class who exemplifies the monthly        |
| trait. At the end of each quarter, these students are celebrated at a      |
| school-wide pep rally, receive a certificate, spin the prize wheel, and    |
| participate in fun games alongside administrators and our Extremes         |
| Team. These events help reinforce behavior expectations and                |
| strengthen a sense of community among students.                            |
| Academic achievement is also celebrated through theBulldog High            |
| Fivesinitiative. When students meet their individual SMART goals in        |
| reading or math, they are recognized by the principal with a certificate,  |
| a popsicle, and a featured photo on the school's Facebook page and         |
| website. This program builds motivation and encourages students to         |
| take pride in their academic accomplishments.                              |
| Focus Area for 2025–2026:  |
| As we continue to build a supportive and student-centered                  |
| environment, a key goal for the upcoming year is to empower students       |
| to take a more active role in monitoring their own progress. By            |
| integrating more opportunities for student self-reflection, goal tracking, |
| and ownership of learning, we aim to further develop students'             |
| independence, motivation, and confidence in both academic and              |
| behavioral growth.   |

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| Demographic and Financial:Summarize<br>the demographic and financial trends and<br>patterns observed by the team while<br>completing this section of the report.<br>What are the important trends and<br>patterns that will support the identification<br>of student, teacher, and leader needs? | population is at 9% and 18% are Hispanic/Latino, with the majority qualifying for EL services. <u>2022-2023:</u> |

| <ul> <li>18% of our student population is Hispanic/Latino</li> <li>4% multi-racial</li> <li>75% of our student population is white</li> <li>9% of our student population are SWD</li> </ul> |
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| <ul> <li>3.46% of our student population are 504 students</li> <li>63.17% of our student population qualifies for free and reduced lunch</li> </ul>   |

| Student Achievement: Summarize the<br>student achievement trends and patterns<br>observed by the team while completing<br>this section of the report. What are the<br>important trends and patterns that will<br>support the identification of student,<br>teacher, and leader needs? | TES has consistently demonstrated exceptional performance on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) since 2015, regularly surpassing state averages across all grade levels and subject areas. This sustained success is the result of a strong focus on academic progress and student growth, supported by a collaborative culture among teachers who routinely analyze student data to inform and refine instructional practices. Our commitment to continuous improvement drives both student achievement and professional excellence. The collective efforts of our dedicated staff, data-driven instruction, and emphasis on individualized student support have positioned TES as one of the top-performing schools in Northwest Georgia. We remain focused on maintaining high standards while always seeking new opportunities to increase learning outcomes for all students. As evidenced in this year's CCRPI Closing the Gaps score, we will need an increased focus on Closing the Gap CCRPI Data 2018: TES - 92.5, State - 76.6 2019: TES - 86.7, State - 76.9, State - 63.0 Readiness: TES - 91.9, State - 64.7 Readiness: TES - 91.9, State - 64.7 Readiness: TES - 91.9, State - 64.7 Progress: TES - 91.9, State - 66.7 Progress: TES - 90.8, State - 85.8 2024: Content Master: TES - 83.8, State - 67.8 Readiness: TES - 91.4, State - 83.2 Closing Gaps: TES - 91.4, State - 83.2 Closing Gaps: TES - 91.4, State - 83.2 Closing Gaps: TES - 93.2, State - 86.2 *See document in Additional Files Section |
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### NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

IDEA – Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged Children, and English Learners.

Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.3. Watch the <u>Identifying Need webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

| Strengths TES identifies students' individual needs based on a variety of assessments (MAP, Georgia Milestones, informal assessments) and addresses those needs with small group targeted instruction, differentiated teaching strategies, and research based interventions. We also utilize the support of online programs, such as Espark, Foundations A-Z, Reading Eggs and Mathseeds. |  |
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| Challenges | At TES, we remain committed to meeting the diverse needs of all<br>students, including those who are identified asstudents with disabilities,<br>English Language Learners (ELLs), and economically disadvantaged.<br>However, there are ongoing challenges in ensuring adequate<br>resources—such as personnel, instructional materials, and targeted<br>interventions—to fully support these subgroups, particularly our most<br>academically and behaviorally at-risk learners.<br>Language barriers continue to pose a challenge in effectively<br>communicating academic goals and expectations with some ELL<br>students and their families. Ensuring that families fully understand and<br>engage with their child's learning plan requires continued improvement<br>in accessibility and communication.<br>Additionally, accurately identifying and implementing effective<br>strategies and accommodations for students with disabilities remains<br>an area of ongoing development. Staff members work diligently to<br>individualize supports, but continued training and collaboration are<br>essential to improve this process.<br>To address these challenges, we actively collaborate with families,<br>utilize interpreter services, and partner with district-level student<br>support teams. These partnerships help us to better serve our students<br>and continuously improve outcomes across all subgroups. |
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#### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.2 Identification and Prioritization of Overarching Needs

Use the results of 3.1 to identify the overarching needs of the LEA. Determine the priority order of the identified needs based on data, team member and stakeholder knowledge, and answers to questions in the table below. Be sure to address the major program challenges identified in 3.1. Watch the <u>Identifying Need webinar</u> for additional information and guidance.

Overarching Need # 1

| Overarching Need                                | TES has identified a need to increase reading growth and achievement for specific student subgroups, including Hispanic, white, and students with disabilities. While Milestones data reflect overall progress, CCRPI Closing the Gaps data indicate that targeted improvement is still needed to ensure that all students are meeting or exceeding proficiency levels in literacy. To address this, there is an ongoing need to support staff in deepening their understanding of the new Georgia ELA standards and to ensure the effective implementation of instructional resources, evidence-based practices, and interventions with fidelity. Strengthening teacher capacity in these areas will directly impact student outcomes, promote consistency in instruction, and foster equitable literacy achievement for all learners. |
|---|---|
| How severe is the need?                         | High  |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | Worse   |
| Can Root Causes be<br>Identified?               | Yes   |
| Priority Order                                  | 1   |

| Additional Considerations |  |
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Overarching Need # 2

| Overarching Need        | TES has identified a growing need to increase student attendance, as consistent<br>attendance is directly linked to academic success. A noticeable decline in perfect<br>attendance since pre-pandemic years, along with a significant percentage of<br>students missing more than 10 days annually, has impacted instructional time and<br>student achievement. To address this, there is a need for a school-wide focus on<br>promoting the importance of daily attendance, strengthening family partnerships,<br>and implementing proactive strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism.<br>Improving attendance rates will help ensure students have consistent access to<br>instruction and support needed to reach their full academic potential. |
|-------------------------|--|
| How severe is the need? | High   |

### NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### Overarching Need # 2

| Worse |
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| Yes   |
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| Additional Considerations |  |
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#### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.3 Root Cause Analysis

Select the top 2-4 overarching needs from 3.2. Conduct a separate root cause analysis (RCA) for each need. Any RCA tools and resources can be used, but suggestions are available as part of the <u>Identifying Need webinar</u>. After describing the RCA process, complete a table for each selected overarching need.

Overarching Need - TES has identified a need to increase reading growth and achievement for specific student subgroups, including Hispanic, white, and students with disabilities. While Milestones data reflect overall progress, CCRPI Closing the Gaps data indicate that targeted improvement is still needed to ensure that all students are meeting or exceeding proficiency levels in literacy. To address this, there is an ongoing need to support staff in deepening their understanding of the new Georgia ELA standards and to ensure the effective implementation of instructional resources, evidence-based practices, and interventions with fidelity. Strengthening teacher capacity in these areas will directly impact student outcomes, promote consistency in instruction, and foster equitable literacy achievement for all learners.

Root Cause # 1

| Root Causes to be Addressed    | <ul> <li>Inconsistent implementation and use of research-based resources/programs for effective instruction based on the science of reading</li> <li>Lack of teacher accountability for reading instruction expectations school-wide</li> <li>Insufficient use of clear learning targets during daily lessons</li> <li>Inconsistent use of multiple web-based programs to challenge students on their individual reading level and identified areas of need</li> </ul> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| This is a root cause and not a | Yes  |
| contributing cause or symptom  |  |
| This is something we can       | Yes  |
| affect                         |  |
| Impacted Programs              | Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged<br>Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students   |

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| Additional Responses |   |
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Overarching Need - TES has identified a growing need to increase student attendance, as consistent attendance is directly linked to academic success. A noticeable decline in perfect attendance since pre-pandemic years, along with a significant percentage of students missing more than 10 days annually, has impacted instructional time and student achievement. To address this, there is a need for a school-wide focus on promoting the importance of daily attendance, strengthening family partnerships, and implementing proactive strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism. Improving attendance rates will help ensure students have consistent access to instruction and support needed to reach their full academic potential.

#### Root Cause # 1

| Root Causes to be Addressed                                  | <ul> <li>Lack of consistent monitoring and accountability</li> <li>Limited follow-through on truancy protocols</li> <li>Insufficient communication of attendance data and trends</li> </ul>                         |
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| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes   |
| This is something we can affect                              | Yes   |
| Impacted Programs  | IDEA - Special Education<br>School and District Effectiveness<br>Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged<br>Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students |

| Additional Responses |  |
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# School Improvement Plan 2025 - 2026



# Trion City Trion Elementary School

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

### 1 General Improvement Plan Information

General Improvement Plan Information

| District                          | Trion City  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| School Name                       | Trion Elementary School                                 |
| Team Lead                         | Beth Pelham   |
| Federal Funding Options to Be     | Traditional funding (Federal funds budgeted separately) |
| Employed (SWP Schools) in         |   |
| this Plan (Select all that apply) |   |

| Fac          | Factors(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply)               |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| $\checkmark$ | Free/Reduced meal application   |  |
|              | Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY                                   |  |
| $\checkmark$ | Other (if selected, please describe below)Free and reduced rate was calculated based on 2024-2025 |  |
|              | free/reduced meal application.  |  |

### 2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

### 2.1 Overarching Need # 1

#### **Overarching Need**

| Overarching Need as identified<br>in CNA Section 3.2 | TES has identified a need to increase reading growth and achievement for specific student subgroups, including Hispanic, white, and students with disabilities. While Milestones data reflect overall progress, CCRPI Closing the Gaps data indicate that targeted improvement is still needed to ensure that all students are meeting or exceeding proficiency levels in literacy. To address this, there is an ongoing need to support staff in deepening their understanding of the new Georgia ELA standards and to ensure the effective implementation of instructional resources, evidence-based practices, and interventions with fidelity. Strengthening teacher capacity in these areas will directly impact student outcomes, promote consistency in instruction, and foster equitable literacy achievement for all learners. |
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| Root Cause # 1                                       | <ul> <li>Inconsistent implementation and use of research-based resources/programs for effective instruction based on the science of reading</li> <li>Lack of teacher accountability for reading instruction expectations school-wide</li> <li>Insufficient use of clear learning targets during daily lessons</li> <li>Inconsistent use of multiple web-based programs to challenge students on their individual reading level and identified areas of need</li> </ul>  |
| Goal   | Increase the percentage of students achieving Proficient or Above on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment from 53% in 2025 to 56% in 2026, reflecting a 3% gain in overall ELA proficiency across all tested grade levels and subgroups.   |

| Action Step           | Resource development and instructional support for teachers with the implementation of new ELA standards. |
|-----------------------|---|
| Funding Sources       | N/A   |
| Subgroups             | Economically Disadvantaged  |
|                       | Foster  |
|                       | Homeless  |
|                       | English Learners  |
|                       | Migrant   |
|                       | Race / Ethnicity / Minority   |
|                       | Student with Disabilities   |
|                       | Immigrant   |
| Systems               | Coherent Instruction  |
|                       | Professional Capacity   |
|                       | Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring | Staff participation during PLCs   |
| Implementation        | Resource and Instructional Supports Documents   |
| Method for Monitoring | TKES  |
| Effectiveness         | PLC Sign-in Sheets  |
|                       | Lesson Plans  |

| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness | Professional growth and knowledge implemented into daily classroom practices |
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| Position/Role Responsible              | school admin, teachers, curriculum director                                  |
| Timeline for Implementation            | Monthly  |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| Action Step                 | Continued implementation of the science of reading teaching strategies and resources into daily classroom instruction with fidelity. |
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| Funding Sources             | Title I, Part A  |
| Subgroups                   | Economically Disadvantaged   |
|                             | English Learners   |
|                             | Student with Disabilities  |
| Systems                     | Coherent Instruction   |
|                             | Professional Capacity  |
|                             | Supportive Learning Environment  |
| Method for Monitoring       | Schedules  |
| Implementation              | Grade book monitoring  |
|                             | Lesson plan monitoring   |
| Method for Monitoring       | TKES   |
| Effectiveness               | MAP Growth Percentage  |
|                             | Implementation with fidelity by all teachers   |
| Position/Role Responsible   | Regular Ed teachers  |
|                             | ESOL teachers  |
|                             | SPED teachers  |
|                             | school admin   |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| Action Step                             | Continue providing targeted reading support through small group instruction,<br>inclusion, and resource settings. Additionally, employ a certified student support<br>teacher to enhance instructional services for English Language Learners, Early<br>Intervention Program (EIP) students, and students with disabilities. |
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| Funding Sources                         | Title I, Part A<br>Title III, Part A<br>IDEA   |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>English Learners<br>Student with Disabilities  |
| Systems                                 | Coherent Instruction<br>Professional Capacity<br>Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | schedules, grade book monitoring, MAP assessment data  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | Lesson Plans<br>TKES<br>Effective instructional practices consistently utilized by teachers  |
| Position/Role Responsible               | ESOL teachers, Special ed teachers, regular education teachers school admin paraprofessionals  |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Weekly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| Action Step                             | W.I.N. (What I Need) time, built into the daily schedule, and flexible tutoring times throughout the school year, as well as summer academy instruction to address individual students' learning needs. |
|---|---|
| Funding Sources                         | Title III, Part A<br>IDEA   |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>English Learners<br>Student with Disabilities   |
| Systems                                 | Coherent Instruction<br>Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Schedules<br>Rostering<br>Attendance  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | Attendance Sheets<br>Lesson Plans<br>Pre and Post Tests<br>Differentiated reading instruction based on individual learning needs and<br>achievement data  |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Teachers and support staff<br>Admin   |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Yearly  |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| Action Step                             | Data Digs<br>During our three Data Digs (fall, winter, spring), we will share current reading data<br>and teach instructional strategies to families in an effort to support instruction in<br>the home setting. |
|---|--|
| Funding Sources                         | Title I, Part A  |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster<br>Homeless<br>English Learners   |
|   | Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities<br>Immigrant   |
| Systems                                 | Family and Community Engagement  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Communicate and prioritize meeting dates<br>Incentives for attendance  |
|   | Teacher support and meeting preparation  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | Participation: Sign-in Sheets<br>Current academic data shared  |
|   | Skills and activities taught to families directly related to power standards<br>Family attendance and participation at home<br>Parent Survey   |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Teachers<br>Family Engagement Coordinator<br>Administrators<br>Families  |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Others : Three times per year  |

| What partnerships, if any, with | No partnership required. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                          |
| Community based                 |                          |
| organizations, or any private   |                          |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                          |
| record of success is the LEA    |                          |
| implementing in carrying out    |                          |
| this action step(s)?            |                          |

| Action Step                             | An approved dyslexia screener will be conducted three times per year,<br>kindergarten through third grade, to identify and target students with<br>characteristics of dyslexia. |
|---|---|
| Funding Sources                         | N/A   |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster<br>Homeless<br>English Learners<br>Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities<br>N/A<br>Immigrant                 |
| Systems                                 | Coherent Instruction<br>Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Scheduling<br>Staff Training  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | Dyslexia Screener Student Reports<br>Reviewing data promptly<br>Action plans developed to meet students' individual learning needs  |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Teachers<br>Administration  |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Quarterly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with |
|---------------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |
| Community based                 |
| organizations, or any private   |
| entity with a demonstrated      |
| record of success is the LEA    |
| implementing in carrying out    |
| this action step(s)?            |

| Action Step     | Provide research-based instructional interventions (Lexia, Reading Eggs, Exact Path, Espark, Foundations A-Z, etc.) to students through educational software and the technology to run the software. |
|-----------------|--|
| Funding Sources | N/A  |
| Subgroups       | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster   |

| Subgroups                   | Homeless<br>English Learners<br>Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities<br>Immigrant |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Systems                     | Coherent Instruction<br>Supportive Learning Environment  |
| Method for Monitoring       | MAP data   |
| Implementation              | Data usage reports from educational programs   |
| Method for Monitoring       | Academic data growth reports   |
| Effectiveness               |  |
| Position/Role Responsible   | Teachers   |
|                             | Administration   |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with |
|---------------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |
| Community based                 |
| organizations, or any private   |
| entity with a demonstrated      |
| record of success is the LEA    |
| implementing in carrying out    |
| this action step(s)?            |

### 2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

### 2.2 Overarching Need # 2

#### **Overarching Need**

| Overarching Need as identified<br>in CNA Section 3.2 | TES has identified a growing need to increase student attendance, as consistent<br>attendance is directly linked to academic success. A noticeable decline in perfect<br>attendance since pre-pandemic years, along with a significant percentage of<br>students missing more than 10 days annually, has impacted instructional time and<br>student achievement. To address this, there is a need for a school-wide focus on<br>promoting the importance of daily attendance, strengthening family partnerships,<br>and implementing proactive strategies that reduce chronic absenteeism.<br>Improving attendance rates will help ensure students have consistent access to<br>instruction and support needed to reach their full academic potential. |
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| Root Cause # 1                                       | <ul> <li>Lack of consistent monitoring and accountability</li> <li>Limited follow-through on truancy protocols</li> <li>Insufficient communication of attendance data and trends</li> </ul>  |
| Goal   | Decrease the percentage of students with greater than 10 absences from 28.6% to 25.6%.   |

| Action Step                             | Acknowledge students with perfect attendance each quarter through recognition<br>on school social media platforms and student-led announcements. Celebrate their<br>achievement with certificates and quarterly prize giveaways to promote and<br>reinforce consistent attendance. |
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| Funding Sources                         | N/A  |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster<br>Homeless<br>English Learners<br>Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities  |
| Systems                                 | Effective Leadership<br>Family and Community Engagement<br>Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Announcements on Bulldog Beat<br>Social Media Posts  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | PowerSchool Attendance Reports   |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Administration<br>Family Engagement Coordinator<br>Teachers  |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Quarterly  |

| What partnerships, if any, with | Local partnership with Wal-Mart for prize giveaways. |
|---------------------------------|--|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |  |
| Community based                 |  |
| organizations, or any private   |  |
| entity with a demonstrated      |  |
| record of success is the LEA    |  |
| implementing in carrying out    |  |
| this action step(s)?            |  |

| Action Step                             | Apply established attendance protocols with fidelity, including engaging families in collaborative meetings to identify and address factors contributing to chronic absenteeism. |
|---|--|
| Funding Sources                         | N/A  |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster<br>Homeless<br>English Learners<br>Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities                                      |
| Systems                                 | Effective Leadership<br>Family and Community Engagement<br>Supportive Learning Environment   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Truancy Letters<br>Truancy Meeting Documentation   |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | PowerSchool Attendance Reports   |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Administration<br>Administrative Assistant<br>Resource Officer   |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Weekly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with | Local law enforcement |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                       |
| Community based                 |                       |
| organizations, or any private   |                       |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                       |
| record of success is the LEA    |                       |
| implementing in carrying out    |                       |
| this action step(s)?            |                       |

| What partnerships, if any, with | Local law enforcement |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |                       |
| Community based                 |                       |
| organizations, or any private   |                       |
| entity with a demonstrated      |                       |
| record of success is the LEA    |                       |
| implementing in carrying out    |                       |
| this action step(s)?            |                       |

| Action Step                             | Highlight and celebrate perfect attendance by displaying grade-level attendance percentages on hallway bulletin boards to promote awareness and encourage student engagement. |
|---|---|
| Funding Sources                         | N/A   |
| Subgroups                               | Economically Disadvantaged<br>Foster<br>Homeless<br>English Learners<br>Migrant<br>Race / Ethnicity / Minority<br>Student with Disabilities                                   |
| Systems                                 | Effective Leadership<br>Family and Community Engagement<br>Supportive Learning Environment  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Implementation | Monthly Updated Bulletin Board  |
| Method for Monitoring<br>Effectiveness  | PowerSchool Attendance Reports  |
| Position/Role Responsible               | Administration<br>Administrative Assistant<br>Family Engagement Coordinator   |
| Timeline for Implementation             | Monthly   |

| What partnerships, if any, with |
|---------------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |
| Community based                 |
| organizations, or any private   |
| entity with a demonstrated      |
| record of success is the LEA    |
| implementing in carrying out    |
| this action step(s)?            |

| What partnerships, if any, with |
|---------------------------------|
| IHEs, business, Non-Profits,    |
| Community based                 |
| organizations, or any private   |
| entity with a demonstrated      |
| record of success is the LEA    |
| implementing in carrying out    |
| this action step(s)?            |

### 3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

### 3.1 Stakeholders, Coordination of Activities, Serving Children, and PQ

**Required Questions** 

| 1. In developing this plan, briefly describe | Teachers from our leadership team discussed and completed the CNA    |
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| how the school sought advice from            | school report. Feedback was also sought and discussed at our Title 1 |
| individuals (teachers, staff, other school   | stakeholder meetings. These reports and written feedback were        |
| leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized      | submitted to the administrator where results were compiled and       |
| instructional support personnel, parents,    | reviewed to gain an overall school perspective.                      |
| community partners, and other                |  |
| stakeholders).                               |  |

| 2. Describe how the school will ensure<br>that low-income and minority children<br>enrolled in the Title I school are not | TES strives to hire highly qualified teachers for their current teaching field. Under the direction of our curriculum director, we have a strong mentor program. We make every effort to support and retain new |
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| served at disproportionate rates by   | teachers. For the 2025-2026 school year, we will employ two first year  |
| ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced   | teachers.   |
| teachers.   | Approximately 63% of our students at Trion Elementary School qualify  |
|   | for free and reduced lunch and live in a low economic environment. All  |
|   | ED students are distributed equally among classes.  |

| 3. Provide a general description of the     | TES employs paraprofessionals to provide assistance to students in     |
|---|--|
| Title I instructional program being         | high need areas. Paraprofessionals are assigned to classrooms with     |
| implemented at this Title I school.         | students who benefit from smaller group or individual interaction.     |
| Specifically define the subject areas to be | Paraprofessionals work closely with teachers to provide necessary      |
| addressed and the instructional             | instruction to students who are academically performing below grade    |
| strategies/methodologies to be employed     | level expectation, including special needs and ELLs. Paraprofessionals |
| to address the identified needs of the      | also assist in targeted after school tutoring programs such as         |
| most academically at-risk students in the   | Foundations A-Z.   |
| school. Please include services to be       | Teachers utilize research based instructional strategies and resources |
| provided for students living in local       | that include small group instruction, flexible groupings, formative    |
| institutions for neglected or delinquent    | assessments, and project based learning. We have professional          |
| children (if applicable).                   | learning communities in order for teachers to collaborate and make     |
|   | informed instructional decisions.                                      |

| 4. If applicable, provide a description of<br>how teachers, in consultation with<br>parents, administrators, and pupil<br>services personnel, will identify eligible<br>children most in need of services in Title I<br>targeted assistance schools/programs.<br>Please include a description of how the<br>school will develop and implement<br>multiple (a minimum of 2) objective,<br>academic-based performance criteria to<br>rank students for service. Also include a | Teachers, in collaboration with leadership, identify at risk students<br>through diagnostic and formative assessment data (MAP, Milestones)<br>and teacher observation. These students receive additional support<br>(tutoring, small group instruction, differentiated instruction) and<br>progress is monitored through the MTSS process. |
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| description of the measurable scale (point  |  |
|---|--|
| system) that uses the objective criteria to |  |
| rank all students.                          |  |

### **3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS**

### 3.2 PQ, Federally Identified Schools, CTAE, Discipline

#### **Required Questions**

| 5. If applicable, describe how the school  | TES continues to provide a rigorous pre-school program (4 classes)    |
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| will support, coordinate, and integrate    | and to provide interventions to ensure a smoother transition from     |
| services with early childhood programs at  | preschool to an elementary learning setting. Parents have multiple    |
| the school level, including strategies for | opportunities to receive transition support and continued services as |
| assisting preschool children in the        | they progress through grade levels.                                   |
| transition from early childhood education  | Ex. Data Digs, TES Orientations, Parent Conferences, Meet the         |
| programs to local elementary school        | Teacher Night   |
| programs.                                  |   |

| 6. If applicable, describe how the school<br>will implement strategies to facilitate<br>effective transitions for students from<br>middle grades to high school and from<br>high school to postsecondary education<br>including:Coordination with institutions of<br>higher education, employers, and local<br>partners; andIncreased student access to<br>early college, high school, or dual or<br>concurrent enrollment opportunities or<br>career counseling to identify student | TES works with the high school to provide opportunities for students in CTAE programs such as Early Childhood Education and opportunity to work with young students as part of their practicums. |
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| concurrent enrollment opportunities or<br>career counseling to identify student<br>interest and skills.  |  |

| 7. Describe how the school will support     | Trion Elementary School recognizes, rewards, and celebrates students |
|---|--|
| efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline | meeting behavior exhibiting appropriate behavior expectations.       |
| practices that remove students from the     | Administration utilized the resource bookDon't Suspend Meby Jessica  |
| classroom, specifically addressing the      | Djabrayan Hannigan and John E. Hannigan as an alternative discipline |
| effects on all subgroups of students.       | toolkit. Removing students from class for disciplinary reasons are   |
|   | reserved for last resort measures.                                   |

#### ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

| 8. Use the space below to provide           | Trion Elementary School's School Improvement Plan will be available      |
|---|--|
| additional narrative regarding the school's | to the LEA, parents, and the public, and the information contained in    |
| improvement plan.                           | the plan will be provided in a language and format that is               |
|   | understandable in print and electronic versions.                         |
|   | TES annually evaluates the school wide plan, using data from the         |
|   | State's assessments, other student performance data, and perception      |
|   | data to determine if the program has been effective in addressing        |
|   | problem areas and, in turn, increasing student achievement, particularly |
|   | for the lowest achieving students.                                       |



# Trion City School District Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2025-2026



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# What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, twoway, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that:

A. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.

**B.** That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.

**C.** That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate,

in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

**D.** The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

# About the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, the Trion City School District (TCSD) has developed this parent and family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's Title I schools. This plan will describe TCSD's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of ESSA contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. The TCSD will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level Parent and Family Engagement Policies meet the requirements of federal law and each include, as a component, a School-Parent Compact.

### Jointly Developed

During the annual Stakeholders meeting in April 2025, all parents were invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve this District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the 2025-2026 school year. The district sent an invitation to all parents informing them about this meeting and posted it on Class Dojo and our Social Media pages. During this meeting, parents also reviewed and discussed the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Additionally, parents are invited to review the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy and give feedback at various events throughout the school year.

Upon final revision, the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy was incorporated into the CLIP which was submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the policy at any time on the school district website or by submitting written comments to your child's school. All feedback received by May 2025 was considered for revisions to this policy.

The district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy is made available to parents, families, and the community through the district website, The Family Resource Center, and the school office. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy along with other documents are shared through English and other languages in order to reach the highest number of stakeholders.

### **Communication**

TCSD will communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, emails, social media, school newsletters, flyers and Class Dojo. The district and school will share information in English and other languages to the extent possible through written communications, meetings, conferences, and family engagement events in order for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.

## **Strengthening Our School**

TCSD will provide technical assistance and support to all Title I schools to ensure family engagement requirements are being satisfied and that family engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Title I schools will receive notifications and resources from the district to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and school visits, the district will hold monthly meetings and trainings with its Title I schools' principals and school Family Engagement Specialist to review family engagement plans and activities.

Additionally, the district will convene a summit in October for principals and FECs to review parent and family engagement requirements and plan opportunities for family engagement activities and meetings for the remainder of the school year.

### **Reservation Of Funds**

TCS is not required to set aside 1% due to the amount that is budgeted being less than \$500,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

## **Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation**

Input and suggestions from parents, family members, and community partners are an essential component of the district and school improvement plans that are developed each year. All parents of students eligible to receive Title I services are invited to attend two meeting opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, schools, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals.

- A parent meeting will be held annually to review the Consolidated LEA's Implementation Plan to evaluate its effectiveness for FY 25 and to make suggestions for the upcoming FY 26.
- A parent meeting will be held in the spring to review the district's parent involvement plan and to evaluate its effectiveness for FY 25 and make suggestions for upcoming FY 26.
- Schools will host parent meetings and provide opportunities for parents to provide input into the schools' Parent Involvement plan, Compact and School wide program plans throughout the school year.
- Surveys will be made available in the Spring of each school year to all parents to acquire feedback and input regarding the academic program and parent involvement.

### School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, all Title I schools, along with our families will jointly develop School-Parent Compacts in order to build and develop a partnership to help our students meet the challenging state academic standards. These compacts serve as agreements that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards by following and accomplishing goals set forth by parents, teachers, and students. The compacts will be revised annually, distributed to all families, reviewed at parent/teacher conferences, placed on our Federal Programs website, and will be placed in the school office and Parent Resource Room.

### Annual Title | Meeting - September 9, 2025

TCSD will conduct an annual Title I meeting during the fall, prior to November 1. During the Annual Meeting, TCSD will disseminate information regarding the school and district's Title I status. The parents and families will be provided their rights and encouraged to attend and participate in the education of their child.

# **Building Capacity**

The TCSD will build partnerships between its Title I Schools, families, and community with the goal of developing mutual support for student achievement. To develop capacity for this support, the TCSD will implement a variety of family and community engagement initiatives. One such initiative will be our "Data Dig" nights. Learning strategies will be shared with parents to help improve student achievement and address the needs of all students. Other family engagement activities will be planned throughout the year to support academic and social development of all students.

**Of Parents** - The TCSD will provide families with information about the overall Title I program and its requirements. The district works with its Title I schools to help families understand academic expectations for student learning and progress. The district also offers assistance to parents in understanding use of its online student information system (PowerSchool) and other digital resources. Notifications about these opportunities will be posted on the district website and shared through school messaging systems, newsletters, and social media postings.

In addition, the district and school websites contain resources and materials such as parent guides, study guides, practice assessments, and other materials for at-home learning. Hard copies of these materials are also available at all Title I schools, including copies in Spanish.

The TCSD Parent Advisory Council, made up of parent representatives from each Title I school, advises the district and schools on all matters related to family engagement. Community leaders and business partners are also invited to serve on the council. The participation of all our partners is encouraged through in person meetings and recording options to accommodate varying schedules.

The TCSD will coordinate and integrate the district's family engagement programs under this part with parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs such as, the local preschool program and other federal and state funded preschool programs in the district. The district will invite faculty and staff from those programs to attend planning meetings focused on family engagement activities. In the spring, schools will offer Kindergarten Readiness information, and Middle School transition information, so parents may receive information to help prepare them and their children for the next level of academic readiness.

**Of School Staff** - To ensure that information related to district, school,parent programs, "Data Dig" meetings, and other family engagement activities is available to all parents, TES is required to send home and post online information for parents and family members in an understandable language and uniform format.

At the beginning of the year, school staff will be trained on parent notifications and resources to be sent home in parents' preferred language, where applicable, and providing interpreters at parent events and "Data Dig" meetings. Information posted on the district website will be translated to the extent practicable.

The district will also utilize school phone call systems, district and school websites, local news media, and social media to post information for parents.

# Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

Each year, the TCSD will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of the Title I schools through an annual parent survey and the School Improvement Forums.

Beginning in the spring, each Title I school will notify parents of the survey through emails, social media platforms, school announcements and the District website.

In addition to the survey, parents may provide feedback throughout the year by completing a feedback form online at www.trionschools.org.

The TCSD will use the findings from the school forums and the survey results to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise its parent and family engagement policies.

## **Accessibility**

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the district family engagement coordinator will communicate and collaborate with the Office for Student Support Services to ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

## Adoption

This district wide parent and family engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed upon with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the collaboration of parents, school, and district personnel at the annual State of the District meeting.

This policy was adopted by the Trion City School District on June 9, 2025 and will be in effect for the 2025-2026 academic school year. The school district will distribute this policy in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children before or during the first week of fall semester.

## Parents Mark Your Calendars

<u>Annual Title | Meeting</u> September 9, 2025 <u>Annual Stakeholders Meeting</u> Spring 2026 <u>Data Dig Dates</u> September 18, 2025 January 22, 2026 April 30, 2026



# **Trion Elementary School** School - Parent Compact 2025-2026



# Tradition Commitment Success

## **Our Mission**

We strive to provide a challenging and relevant education that builds a foundation to foster character, integrity, and academic potential in all students.



### What is a School - Parent Compact?

This Compact is a jointly written commitment describing how all members of a school community (parents, staff, and students) agree to share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and learning. This compact helps bridge the learning connection between school and home.

### Trion Elementary School School Improvement Goals

Achievement Goal : Increase the percentage of students achieving Proficient or Above on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment from 53% in 2025 to 56% in 2026, reflecting a 3% gain in overall ELA proficiency across all tested grade levels and subgroups.

Attendance Goal: Decrease the percentage of students with greater than 10 absences from 28.6% to 25.6%.



### **TES Teachers**

Teachers will work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will include:

- Provide parents with reading and math skill practice activities during Data Dig Meetings to support learning at home.
- Our school webpage has links to family friendly websites for building vocabulary and math skills.
- Classroom newsletters and homework sheets feature academic activities focused on enhancing student learning at home.
- Parents will be provided with login and password information for PowerSchool and other important websites.

### **Jointly Developed**

The parents, students, and staff of Trion Elementary School partnered together to develop this schoolparent compact for academic achievement. It is developed each year with feedback from our school community. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Input is reviewed and the Compact is revised each year. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring to review the Compact and make suggestions for the upcoming school year. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the annual Title I Parent Survey so that we are able to collect more feedback regarding our Title I program. Parents are welcome to offer comments at any time during the school year.

### Calling all Volunteers We NEED You!

If you would like to volunteer please contact:

### Heather Stewart

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706-734-2991

# **TES Students**

TES Students, will strive to reach academic goals by connecting school and home learning by:

- Complete homework assignments each night.
- · Work to achieve learning goals.
- · Take responsibility for personal behaviors and show respect for themselves, their classmates, teachers and school.

### **TES Families**

TES families will join with staff to support student success at home. Some of the ways that we can support student success at home by include:

- Families will attend Data Dig sessions and participate in activities designed for family engagement.
- Families will sign up for Class Dojo and maintain at open line of communication with teachers.
- · Families will check homework assignments each night and sign any paperwork sent home.
- Families will strive to create a positive learning environment by speaking positively about school both at home and Social Media.
- Make Daily reading a priority.
- · Families will make an effort to get students to school on time each day.

### Communication

TES is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about their student's progress. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Class Dojo
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School/District Website
- Weekly Folders

- Phone Calls
- Emails
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Partnerships

TES offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships • Title 1 Meeting with families:

- Open House
- Data Dig Nights
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Workshops

-upload to SIP as additional file-

| Trion Elementary School<br>Counselor Report - Student Referrals |     |  |  |  |
|---|-----|--|--|--|
| Year Number of Top Reasons for Referrals Referrals              |     |  |  |  |
| 2024-2025   | 154 | Friendship Conflict - 25 referrals (16%)<br>Anxiety - 10 referrals (6%)<br>Bullying - 7 referrals (4.5%) |  |  |

### Section 2.6.2

#### Section 2.6.3

|      | Georgia Milestones Assessment Data |                              |   |  |  |  |
|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Year | Grade                              | ELA                          | Math  |  |  |  |
| 2018 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 84.76%  | Developing or Above: 93.49%                 |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 54.85%  | Proficient or Above: 54.73%                 |  |  |  |
| 2019 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 93.83%  | Developing or Above: 94.48%                 |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 65.26%  | Proficient or Above: 56.49%                 |  |  |  |
| 2020 | 3rd-5th                            | No Data Available            | No Data Available                           |  |  |  |
| 2021 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 84.13%  | Developing or Above: 90.41%                 |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 48.34%  | Proficient or Above: 51.29%                 |  |  |  |
| 2022 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 86.27%  | Developing or Above: 90.85%                 |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 50.70%  | Proficient or Above: 57.04%                 |  |  |  |
| 2023 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 85.6%   | Developing or Above: 90.2%                  |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 54.7%   | Proficient or Above: 64.9%                  |  |  |  |
| 2024 | 3rd-5th                            | Developing or Above: 83.5%   | Developing or Above:                        |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Proficient or Above: 56.6%   | Proficient or Above:                        |  |  |  |
|      |                                    | Does not include retest data | *No math scores yet due to new<br>standards |  |  |  |

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| 2025 | 3rd-5th | Developing or Above: 90.4% | Developing or Above: 97.2% |
|------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|      |         | Proficient or Above: 53.2% | Proficient or Above: 74.9% |

|      |       | MAP A   | ssessment Data                                |  |
|------|-------|---|---|--|
| Year | Grade | Reading                                       | Math  | ELA  |
| 2021 | K-5th | GROWTH PROJECTION 66% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 70% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 66% met projected growth |
|      |       | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>60                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>55                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>64                  |
| 2022 | K-5th | GROWTH PROJECTION 66% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION<br>77% met projected growth | GROWTH PROJECTION 66% met projected growth |
|      |       | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>62                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>64                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>58                  |
| 2023 | K-5th | GROWTH PROJECTION 63% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 70% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 56% met projected growth |
|      |       | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>65                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>66                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>60                  |
| 2024 | K-5   | GROWTH PROJECTION 53% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 56% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 58% met projected growth |
|      |       | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>62                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>66                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>58                  |
| 2025 | K-5   | GROWTH PROJECTION<br>66% met projected growth | GROWTH PROJECTION 63% met projected growth    | GROWTH PROJECTION 58% met projected growth |
|      |       | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>65                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>67                     | MEDIAN ACHIEVEMENT%<br>62                  |

| CCRPI<br>Closing the Gaps |               |               |                    |               |               |                 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Year                      | All Students  | Hispanic      | White              | ED            | EL            | SWD             |
| 2023                      | 80.86         | 62.73         | <mark>85.55</mark> | 71.43         | 55.13         | <mark>50</mark> |
| ELA                       | Target: 74.94 | Target: 55.54 | Target: 80.31      | Target: 67.94 | Target: 49.64 | Target: 54.67   |
| 2023                      | 89.19         | <b>75.46</b>  | 92.89              | 81.98         | 73.08         | 71.21           |
| Math                      | Target: 82.84 | Target: 59.87 | Target: 88.61      | Target: 81.22 | Target: 59.04 | Target: 59.88   |

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|              | 2023 TES Score: 100<br>2023 State Score: 66.7   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2024<br>ELA  | 80.33         61.83         84.12         74.08         58.89         42.31           Target: 81.83         Target: 63.80         Target: 85.85         Target: 72.11         Target: 56.38         Target: 51.09 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2024<br>Math |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 2024 TES Score: 55<br>2024 State Score: 100   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 2024 Closing the Gaps Flags:

| HOW WELL DID STUDENT<br>GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT MEET<br>IMPROVEMENT TARGETS? |  |                                  | SCORE               | TARGET              | FLAG |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|
|   |  | ALL STUDENTS                     | 80.33               | 81.33               |      |
| SUMMARY OF FLAGS  |  | AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE | N/A                 | N/A                 |      |
|   |  | ASIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER         | Too Few<br>Students | Too Few<br>Students |      |
| ENGLI   | SH LANGUAGE ARTS   | BLACK                            |                     | Too Few<br>Students |      |
| MATHEMATICS   |  | HISPANIC                         | 61.83               | 63.80               |      |
|   |  | MULTI-RACIAL                     | Too Few<br>Students | Too Few<br>Students |      |
| SCIENCE   |  | WHITE                            | 84.12               | 85.85               |      |
|   |  | ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED       | 74.08               | 72.11               |      |
|   |  | ENGLISH LEARNERS                 | 58.89               | 56.38               |      |
| LEGE  | ND<br>Subgroup met improvement target*                             | STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY         | 42.31               | 51.09               |      |
|   | Subgroup met improvement target                                    |                                  |                     |                     |      |
|   | Subgroup made progress, but did not<br>meet improvement target     |                                  |                     |                     |      |
|   | Subgroup did not make progress and did not meet improvement target |                                  |                     |                     |      |

| Trion Elementary School Attendance Data |        |                  |                 |                  |                 |
|---|--------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Year                                    | Grades | Zero<br>Absences | 1-5<br>Absences | 6-10<br>Absences | >10<br>Absences |
| 2023-2024                               | PK-5th | 3.5%             | 31.7%           | 36.3%            | 28.6%           |
| 2022-2023                               | PK-5th | 6.7%             | 26.9%           | 31.3%            | 35%             |
| 2021-2022                               | PK-5th | 2.7%             | 28.7%           | 35.5%            | 33.1%           |

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| 2020-2021 | PK-5th | 2.9%  | 28%   | 29.3% | 39.7% |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2019-2020 | PK-5th | 5.5%  | 46.7% | 30.3% | 17.6% |
| 2018-2019 | PK-5th | 11.4% | 25.3% | 25.3% | 38%   |

### Section 2.6.4

|      | G           | eorgia Milestor | nes Demographic Data                  |                                       |
|------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Year | Demographic | Content Area    | Developing & Above                    | Proficient & Above                    |
|      | SWD         | ELA             | 76.9%                                 | 23.1%                                 |
| 2022 |             | Math            | 69.3%                                 | 23.1%                                 |
|      | Hispanic    | ELA             | 71.4%                                 | 30.4%                                 |
|      |             | Math            | 78.5%                                 | 33.9%                                 |
|      | SWD         | ELA             | 66.7%                                 | 20%                                   |
| 2023 |             | Math            | 76.6%                                 | 40.3%                                 |
|      | Hispanic    | ELA             | 76.4%                                 | 40%                                   |
|      |             | Math            | 83.7%                                 | 47.3%                                 |
|      | SWD         | ELA             | 51.6%<br>Does not include retest data | 21.2%<br>Does not include retest data |
| 2024 |             | Math            | No data available at this time        | No data available at this time        |
|      | EL          | ELA             | 59.2%<br>Does not include retest data | 18.5%<br>Does not include retest data |
|      |             | Math            | No data available at this time        | No data available at this time        |
|      | SWD         | ELA             | 76.9%                                 | 23.1%                                 |
| 2025 |             | Math            | 84.6%                                 | 57.7%                                 |
|      | EL          | ELA             | 67.9%                                 | 25%                                   |
|      |             | Math            | 100%                                  | 50%                                   |

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#### 2022 Georgia Milestones Assessment:

- <u>ELA Level 1</u> 13.73%
  - Of those students, 46.15% are ELL students
- <u>Math Level 1</u> 9.15%
  - Of those students, 41.02% are ELL students

#### 2023 Georgia Milestones Assessment:

- <u>ELA Level 1</u> 14.4%
  - Of those students, 31.7% are ELL students
  - Of those students, 29.2% are SWD
- <u>Math Level 1</u> 9.8%
  - Of those students, 21.4% are ELL students
  - Of those students, 32.1% are SWD

#### 2024 Georgia Milestones Assessment:

- <u>ELA Level 1</u> 16.4%
  - Of those students, 23.9% are ELL students
  - Of those students, 34.7% are SWD
- Math Level 1 No data available

#### 2025 Georgia Milestones Assessment:

- <u>ELA Level 1</u> 9.6%
  - Of those students, 32.14% are ELL students
  - Of those students, 23.08% are SWD
- <u>Math Level 1</u> 2.79%
  - Of those students, 0% are ELL students
  - Of those students, 15.38% are SWD

#### Section 3.1.2

#### CCRPI Data

| Year | TES CCRPI Score   | State CCRPI Score   |
|------|---|---|
| 2018 | 92.5  | 76.6  |
| 2019 | 86.7  | 78.8  |
| 2022 | Content Mastery: 76.9<br>Readiness: 77.1  | Content Mastery: 63.0<br>Readiness: 71.8  |
| 2023 | Content Mastery: 83.7<br>Readiness: 91.9<br>Closing Gaps: 100<br>Progress: 90.8 | Content Master: 64.7<br>Readiness: 82.3<br>Closing Gaps: 66.7<br>Progress: 85.8 |
| 2024 | Content Mastery: 83.8<br>Readiness: 91.4  | Content Master: 67.8<br>Readiness: 83.2   |

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